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Renaissance in Harlem: The People Who Made the Music

By Carol Kerster

Professor of Music barely begins to describe the extent of the functions and achievements of **Dr. Hansonia Caldwell**, speaker for the Forum to be held at the Los Verdes Country Club, Wednesday, July 30th, at 11:30 a.m.



To name just a few of her myriad activities, she has since 1972 taught courses in African American Music, Arts and Social Protest, Music Appreciation and History, as well as a graduate seminar in music in the city. She founded and conducts the Dominguez Hills Jubilee Choir, which in addition to international performances, including New York's Carnegie Hall and an upcoming concert tour of Great Britain, supports youth programs from summer arts camps to outreach in public schools.

She is a speaker of extraordinary skill. While her topics have covered everything from standards for teachers of music, to advocating arts education before legislative groups, we are fortunate to be able to hear her on what is clearly a topic of special passion for her: the music and musicians that define what we know as the Harlem Renaissance. This is not a Forum to be missed!

Reservations are currently being accepted at \$15 per person. Please fill out and return the reservation form on page 3 of this newsletter by Friday, July 25th. Any

Win! Win! By Burt Cutler

During the past several trimesters your Curriculum Committee has reviewed current topic offerings from a number of other LIR organizations throughout the country. Some of them have been interesting enough to include as suggested topics, offering our membership the best-of-the-best topics. This is a departure from past practice where all topics have been submitted by members, but we've experienced a declining number of topic suggestions from our membership. To encourage more active participation, our Board of Directors voted that:

1. All members who submit completed topic write-ups should be commended in the newsletter each trimester.
2. A drawing for several prizes shall be held at the July 30th Forum; only those special "*Omnilore* topic authors" will be eligible, and they need not be present - surely a Win-Win situation both for the winners and for *Omnilore*.

So, a hearty thank you from the Curriculum Committee to:

Jean de Angelis, Ellen Bradford, Merle Culbert, Burt Cutler, Diana Cutler, Marilyn Denno, Hal Fenton, Richard Foy, Lori Geittmann, H.E. Kamiya, Carol Johnson, Helen Leven, Mary Jo Little, Kathryn Loseff, Tony Lopalito, Jim O'Neill, Mary O'Neill, Gordon Reiter, Sam Rifman, Terry Savage, Gemma Scharffenberger, Mike Scordan, Nancy Shannon-Sinclair, Rick Spillane, John Taber, and Nancy Wells.

Congratulations to everyone on this honor role - and let's see a ton of additional names when we call for topics next

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By George Clark

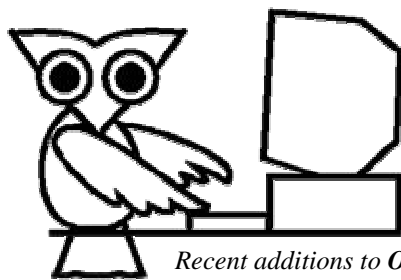
Presentations 'R' seminars. Us. That is what *Omniole* is about. We all benefit when the presentations are well prepared and informative, and of course the one who gets the most out of it is always the presenter. Our goal is top-notch, college-level research and discussion. Our study/discussion groups should be equivalent to graduate

We are making a special effort this year to improve the quality of our presentations - to make them more interesting and informative. We're doing this in two ways: working with our existing members to enhance their presentation skills and making sure that people who join *Omniole* know what is expected of them. To accomplish the

latter, the Board has adopted a new rule: every new member must attend an orientation and training session before joining. Present members who have not had the benefit of our presentation workshop are asked to contact **Ralph Brown**, (310) 541-7077, yogi-mom@pacbell.net.



The wonderful Wizard of Oz Retired from business becoz What with up-to-date science To most of his clients He wasn't the wiz that he woz.



Information Bytes from the Computer & Technology Special Interest Group

*Recent additions to **Omniole's** technical capabilities include a personal computer and internet access.*

Omniole PC Is An Available Resource

Omniole has a PC with monitor, keyboard and mouse given by **Carol Johnson**. It has become quite a joint project. **Milton Holmen** gave it a printer. **Bob Saunders** gave a Windows 98 upgrade, a faster modem and a USB port. **Chuck Herring** gave an external zip drive. Bob has done most of the installation; others involved have been **Myron Pullen**, Carol and **Mary Barling**.

Software includes Outlook Express for e-mail, Internet Explorer for internet browsing and Office 97, including Word for word processing, Excel for spreadsheets and PowerPoint for presentation "slides." Hardware includes a small hard drive, a CD drive and a floppy disk drive, besides the zip drive.

The PC is stored in the equipment closet in Room 8 and can be used briefly there or rolled out into the room for a presentation. It can be connected to the video projector in order to display on a large screen. It can be used in a variety of ways. One possibility is to build a set of displays on a home PC and bring it in to Room 8 on a CD or one or more floppies.

There is a login password known to Carol, Myron, Bob, Mary and **George Clark**. If you want to use the PC, you can get the password from one of them. If you put any files on the hard disk, please make a folder with your name under My Documents and store them there.

The Internet Comes to Omniole

A telephone line has recently been installed in the two *Omniole* classrooms at Franklin Center. There are two outlets in each room, so that access can be made from the front or rear of either room. This is a standard telephone line, so that it may also be used for incoming or outgoing voice phone if needed.

Internet access has been set up and tested for a couple of existing ISP accounts by two members from the *Omniole* PC in Room 8, and a similar setup can be made for others who would like to make use of the PC for Internet access. All that is necessary to establish such access is to have an existing modem dialup ISP account.

If you would like to establish such access to your dialup account, identify a toll-free number for your ISP from the 310-370-#### exchange and your account ID. The password will be needed only when you make the actual connection and does not need to be stored in the computer; so your account privacy will be maintained. If you have this information and would like to setup a dialup module, see **Myron Pullen** or **Carol Johnson** for assistance in doing the setup.

An alternative is available if you have access to a laptop computer and a dialup ISP account. In this case, you need only have your laptop available with you and connect it to the telephone line via one of the standard outlets available in each room. You can then access the Internet in exactly the same manner as you do on any other occasion. Check with Myron or Carol for the location of the telephone outlets.

Just think of it! You can now include access to Internet resources as part of your class presentation. When this valuable aid is added to the recently acquired video projector, you can bring the power of the Internet right into the classroom and use it as one more effective way of making your presentation.

This tool can also be used by our special interest groups, such as the Computer & Technology Special Interest Group, which meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. or by the Brown Bag Science lecture series, which meets on the first Thursday of each month at lunch time (12:00 to 1:00 p.m.)

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – JACKIE LA BOUFF

When the Carson Coordinating Council named Jackie La Bouff as one of its “Six Magnificent Women” in honor of Women’s History Month in March it came as no surprise to *Omniorians*, who know Jackie as one who has devoted her life to helping pull up at-risk individuals by their bootstraps.

Jackie also bears the distinction of being one of the few *Omniorians* who is a local girl. Born in Wilmington, Jackie graduated from St. Mary’s Academy in Inglewood.

Following her high school graduation, Jackie did office work for Prudential Insurance before taking to the skies as a flight attendant for American Airlines. After a year in the air, she married and raised a family of two sons and two daughters.

When her youngest started kindergarten Jackie decided it was time for her to go back to school as well. She enrolled in El Camino College and six years later received her A.A. degree. Upon graduating from El Camino she enrolled in Cal State Dominguez Hills. In 1972 she received her bachelors degree in psychology, and fifteen years later she received her masters in educational psychology.

In between she taught pre-school for seven years and worked at McDonald Douglas for four years. While studying for her masters degree she worked at Cal State Dominguez’s Learning Assistance Center where she taught basic skills to adults. In addition, she taught at Torrance Adult School where she focused on teaching parents how to help their children do better in school.

After she received her masters from CSUDH, the university hired her to write grant proposals for soft-money programs aimed at working with adults that had low academic skills.

This led to her writing grant proposals for programs to keep youngsters off drugs. Her focus was on helping adults understand the skills necessary to say “no” to drugs.

In 1984 Jackie organized a partnership with local school districts - the largest of which was Centinella Valley - and wrote grant proposals for the partnership for ten years.

After an unsuccessful run for the office of Torrance Unified School board member in 1995, Jackie was appointed

to replace the recently-deceased founder of Project Touch, and she has been working for that organization ever since. As director, she hires the counselors, writes proposals, and tries to get grant money for the Hermosa Beach-based organization which she describes as a not-for-profit counseling program for at-risk children.

Jackie and husband, John, who became an attorney after a 35-year career managing grocery stores, love to travel. They’ve been all over the world - Russia, Japan, Singapore, all of Europe, Morocco, Malaysia, New Zealand, and all but three of the United States.

Their oldest son lives in Las Vegas, but the other three live in California. They have eight grandchildren - a grandson and granddaughter from each of their four children.

Although she is still active in her career and still travels with John, Jackie finds time for knitting, crocheting, embroidery and needlepoint. When it came time for her to select an e-mail address, her husband decided to leave out the “t” and named her Sticher 61 @hotmail.com.



Brown Bag Science

By Burt Cutler

All *Omniorians* are invited to come hear presentations about some aspect of science on the first Thursday of every month from 12 noon to 1 p.m. On July 3rd **Jim O’Neill** will tell us some basics about the brain, the first of several presentations about the brain to be given this year. On August 7th a local astronomer, **George Atamian**, will discuss star types and their life cycles.

No quizzes, Q&A of course - whether neophyte or technical background, all are welcome!

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Tell Your Friends . . .

Do you have friends who enjoy intellectual stimulation, lively discussion and the company of bright and interesting people? If so, invite them to attend the next *Omniole* Information-Orientation Meeting - Friday, July 25, 2003, 10 a.m.-noon.

Franklin Center, Room 7
850 Inglewood Avenue, Redondo Beach

OMNIOLORE Forum Luncheon Reservation Form

WHEN: Wednesday, July 30th, 2003 – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: **Los Verdes Country Club**
 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive
 Rancho Palos Verdes

Reservations are required by July 25th, please!

Please make ____ reservations for the **Omniole** Luncheon Forum at \$15 each:

Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____
(Please Print)

_____ Phone #: _____
(Please Print)

Enclosed is a check for: \$15 Other

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, Forum Committee, c/o Diana Cutler and put in the Forum Committee’s 10 Middleridge Lane S. box or send to: Rolling Hills, CA 90274

July	3	Brown-Bag Science (BBS) Series - 12-1:00 p.m. - Room 7 <i>Basics of the Brain</i> - Jim O'Neill
	4	Independence Day
	8	Membership Committee Meeting - 12:15 p.m. - Room 7
	9	Fiction SIG, Jim O'Neill, 10:30-12:30 p.m. - Room 8
	10	Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon to 2 p.m. - Room 7
	11	Computers & Technology SIG - 3:15-5:15 p.m. - Room 7
	18	Hiking Group - 10 a.m.
	23	Fiction SIG, Jim O'Neill, 10:30-12:30 p.m. - Room 8
	25	Information-Orientation Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 Noon - Room 7
	25	Computers & Technology SIG - 3:15-5:15 p.m. - Room 7
	30	Summer Forum - 11:30 - Los Verdes Country Club
August	7	Brown-Bag Science (BBS) Series - 12-1:00 p.m. - Room 7 <i>Star Types and Their Life Cycles</i> - George Atamian
	8	Computers & Technology SIG - 3:15-5:15 p.m. - Room 7
	12	Membership Committee Meeting - 12:15 p.m. - Room 7
	13	Fiction SIG, Jim O'Neill, 10:30-12:30 p.m. - Room 8
	14	Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon to 2 p.m. - Room 7
	15	Input Deadline for September-October Newsletter
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IMPORTANT

Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways:
Either phone Carol Johnson (310) 372-8535, or mark the corkboard calendar in
Room 7 and notify Carol Johnson via e-mail at cnordj@sprynet.com.

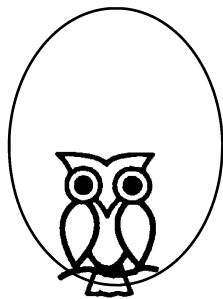
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